



Norton's Ryan Blecha connected with the baseball for a double after this pitch from an Alma Junior Legion hurler during the extra inning scrimmage game at John Ryan Field on Sunday. Blecha was leading hitter for Norton, delivering two doubles in the game.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

K-18 loses in extra inning to Alma

By DICK BOYD

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The Norton K-18 baseball team opened their season on Sunday with a scrimmage game versus the Alma Junior American Legion nine at John Ryan Field in Norton.

It was a close game throughout with Alma finally taking an 12-11 victory in eight innings.

Norton had four hits in the game. Leading hitter for the Blue Jays was Ryan Blecha with two doubles in three times at bat. Carson McKenna and Taylor Meder each had a single in two times at the plate.

Head coach Lamont Shirk used six pitchers in the game to give them all some early season experience.

Hurling for the Blue Jays were Spencer Shirk, Kaid McKenna, Zach Hartwell, Landon Keiswetter, Ryan Blecha and Brett Terrell. Norton had 14 bases on balls. Alma had just four hits and 13 walks.

Other Norton K-18 players this season are: Robert Blecha, Seth Antrim, Damian Davis and Trey Millan.

The Norton K-18 nine will play their first Wildcat North League games today at Smith Center. Two five inning games will be played in the league, beginning



Norton K-18 pitcher Spencer Shirk fielded a grounder hit by an Alma Junior Legion player during their extra inning scrimmage game at John Ryan Field on Sunday.

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at 6:30 p.m. Norton will host Stockton in a double header on Thursday at John Ryan Field.

2008 K-18 Baseball Schedule

Tues., June 3 Smith Center 6:30 p.m. There
 Thurs., June 5 Stockton 6:30 p.m. Here
 Tues., June 10 Plainville 6:30 p.m. There
 Tues., June 17 Phillipsburg 6:30 p.m. Here
 Fri., June 20 Hays Indians 6:30 p.m. There
 Tues., June 24 Smith Center 6:30 p.m. Here
 Fri., June 27 Plainville 6:30 p.m. Here
 Mon., June 30 Stockton 6:30 p.m. There
 Tues., July 1 Alma, Neb. 6 p.m. There
 Thurs., July 3 Phillipsburg 6:30 p.m. There
 Tues., July 8 Hays Indians 6:30 p.m. Here
 Fri., Sat., Sun., July 11-12-13 Sub-Regionals at Russell
 Fri., Sat., Sun., July 18-19-20 Regionals at Stockton

be from 6:45 to 7:30 a.m.

The 2 Mile Run/Walk will begin at 7:30 and the 5 Mile Run will begin at 8 a.m.

Trophies will be awarded to the top male and top female in each race. Medals will be awarded to the top three men's and women's finishers in each age bracket in each race. The age brackets are 10 and under, 11-14, 15-19, 20-29;

30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69 and 70 and over.

Entry fee is \$15 per participant and may be paid the morning of the race.

The sponsor is the Phillips County Health Systems.

Those with questions may call Kelly Vanderplas at (785) 543-5226 or email her at kvanderplas@phillipshospital.org.

Surveyors, 42-6; Animal Health, 22-26; Geezerettes, 17-31; Nelson Bros., 15-33. High Scratch Game, Laura Leidig, 186; Donna VanKooten, 167; 158; Land Surveyors, 448, 430, 416. High Scratch Series: Laura Leidig, 498; Donna VanKooten 450; Kathleen Berlier, 422; Land Surveyors, 1,294; Geezerettes, 1,066; Animal Health, 964. High Game Handicap, Laura Leidig, 228, Donna VanKooten, 218; 209; Vendla Tacha, 209; Land Surveyors, 573; 555; geezerettes, 546.

High Series Handicap, Laura Leidig, 624; Donna VanKooten, 603; Vendla Tacha, 586; Land Surveyors, 1,669; Geezerettes, 1,600; Nelson Bros., 1,550.

Standings, April 7 — Results, Land Surveyors 2, Geezerettes, 2; Animal Health, 0; Nelson Bros., 4. Team Standings, Land Survey-

ors, 44-8; Animal Health, 22-30; Geezerettes, 19-33; Nelson Bros., 19-33. Scratch High Game, Land Surveyors, 454, Geezerettes, 421, Land Surveyors, 413. Scratch High Game, Kathleen Berlier, 187; Donna VanKooten, 154; Jackie Wright, 152. Scratch High Series, Land Surveyors, 1,224; Geezerettes, 1,122; Nelson Bros., 941. Scratch High Series, Kathleen Berlier, 447; Becky Williams, 433; Jackie Wright, 420.

Handicap High Game, Geezerettes, 580; Land Surveyors, 578; Land Surveyors, 537. Handicap High Game, Kathleen Berlier, 225; Donna VanKooten, 205; Vida Perrill, 199. Handicap High Series, Geezerettes, 1,599; Land Surveyors, 1,597; Nelson Bros., 1,538. Handicap High Series, Kathleen Berlier, 561, Jackie Wright, 555; Vida Perrill, 553.

Logan '08 graduate to play in All-Star contest

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Payton Chestnut, 2008 graduate of Logan High School, will play in the 23rd annual 8-Man All-Star Football Game on Saturday at Trojan Field on North Hersey Street in Beloit.

He will play in the Division II game at 2 p.m.

All-star players from Division I will play at 10 a.m.

The top senior 8-man football players from the two divisions in Kansas are chosen by the Kansas Eight-Man Football Association to play in the all-star games.

Chestnut's accomplishments and honors include being an All-Cheyenne Conference offensive lineman and honorable mention defensive lineman.

A three-year football letterman, he was also a letter winner in basketball. He was named to the honorable mention academic list and was a Logan High School King candidate.

Chestnut was a high school rodeo volunteer. His hobbies and

interests include hunting, fishing and cattle work.

He plans to attend college and play football.

Payton is the son of Brenda and Dennis Chestnut.

Players began practice on Sunday and will practice twice a day. They will be housed at the North Central Kansas Technical College in Beloit and will be treated to a barbecue on Friday night.

Other players on the Division II West team are Cole Dreiling, Cade Scott, both of Victoria; Taylor Elder, Jeff Hennick, both of Sharon Springs; Jason Crawford, Cody Dunlap, both of Natoma; Taylor Barrett, Sam Smith, both of Triplains-Brewster; Drew Fraiser, Weskan; Tony Granillo, Moscow; Heath Kirmer, Ingalls; Wes Landis, Palco; Dan Rogers, Golden Plains; Travis Smith, Nathan White, both of Quivira Heights; Jon Stout, Ben Vignes, both of Bucklin; Matt Vopat, Wilson and Walt Woolwine, Ashland.

Head coach of the West team is Doug Oberle of Victoria. His

assistant coaches will be Kevin Ayers, Sharon Springs and Ben Labertew, Natoma.

Ethan Kuhlmann and Randall Irving, both of Kensington, will be among the Division I East players.

Tickets are general admission at both gates and one ticket is good for both games. Price is \$8 for adults and \$3 for children K-8th grade. Gates will open at 9 a.m.

The Kansas Eight-Man Football Association was organized in 1986 so that more 8-man players could receive recognition for their football prowess.

The games have been held every summer in Beloit. Assisting the association with sponsorship of the games are the Beloit Rotary Club and Beloit Knights of Columbus.

In addition to giving recognition to outstanding senior football players and coaches, the association votes yearly on recommendations to the Kansas State High School Activities Association and promotes the existence of 8-man football clinics.

Close to perfect night at the races

By MIKE HUGHES

Special Contributor

It was a near perfect night Saturday, May 31, at Elmwood Park Speedway in Norton, as the caution only waved twice during the evening's race program.

It was a Thunder Series event for the IMCA Stock Cars, and 12 drivers took the green flag for the 20-lap feature event. Adam Balthazor led the opening lap before being passed by Bryan Lariviere. Lariviere led through lap 7 before being overtaken by 'The Terminator' Travis Sherfick of Wakeeney. Sherfick led the remaining distance to score his third win this season at Elmwood Park and his third in the Thunder Series. Lariviere held off Cory Struckhoff for second, with Jay Hachmeister and cash dash winner Terry Cunningham rounding out the top five. Sherfick and J.R. McCreery won the two heat races.

Oberlin's David Murray Jr. ran away from the field to win the IMCA Modified feature. Murray took the lead from Chad Sterling on lap 2 of the 15-lap race and motored away to the checkers to score his second win of the season at the 1/2-mile oval and the 398th of his IMCA career. Heat one winner Josh Hudson finished second, followed by heat two victor Sterling, Gary Kline and 'The Z Man' Mark Zorn.

Ricky 'The Racer' Runnion of Phillipsburg led all 12 laps of the caution free IMCA Hobby Stock feature, his second of the season

at Norton. Jeremy Wagner chased Runnion most of the distance but had to settle for second, followed by Kelly Karnopp, heat two winner Jerry Hudson, and Troy Robinson. Michael Thummel and Jason Gross tangled at the finish line but neither driver was injured. Runnion won the other heat race.

Jesse Dunlap of Victoria won the first of two heat races in the 4-cylinder Young Gun division, then led the final 2 laps in the main event to score the win. Heat two winner Dalton Dolan was second, followed by Michael Smith.

Jerry's Body Shop of Norton was the evening's Cash Dash sponsor.

It was Boy Scout/Girl Scout Night at the speedway with all scouts admitted free in uniform and with a paid adult. The scouts received a race souvenir, helped with the evening's trophy presentations, and got to ride in a race car during intermission.

The next race at Elmwood Park Speedway will take place Sunday evening, June 22, at 7 p.m. with the regular four divisions in competition. It will also be 4-H Night. All kids wearing their 4-H club T-shirts will be admitted free with a paid adult.

RESULTS

IMCA Hobby Stocks

Heat 1: 1. Ricky Runnion, 2. Jeremy Wagner, 3. Michael Thummel, 4. Matthew Crowell.

Heat 2: 1. Jerry Hudson, 2. Troy Robinson, 3. Kelly Karnopp, 4. Jason Gross.

Feature: 1. Runnion, 2. Wagner, 3. Karnopp, 4. Hudson, 5. Robinson, 6. Gross, 7. Thummel, 8. Crowell, 9. Laura Hinger, 10. Matt Christensen (DNF).

IMCA Stock Cars

Heat 1: 1. Travis Sherfick, 2. Bryan Lariviere, 3. Dustin McClurg, 4. Jason Davis.

Heat 2: 1. J.R. McCreery, 2. Jay Hachmeister, 3. Terry Cunningham, 4. Cory Struckhoff.

Cash Dash: Cunningham.

Feature: 1. Sherfick, 2. Lariviere, 3. Struckhoff, 4. Hachmeister, 5. Cunningham, 6. Adam Balthazor, 7. McClurg, 8. McCreery, 9. Bob Rutherford, 10. Michael Zajic, 11. Pat Bedore (DNF), 12. Davis (DNF), 13. Dan Lauer (DNS).

IMCA Modifieds

Heat 1: 1. Josh Hudson, 2. Gary Kline, 3. Rick Schwab, 4. Doug Shearer.

Heat 2: 1. Chad Sterling, 2. Mark Zorn, 3. Mitch Kline.

Feature: 1. David Murray Jr., 2. Hudson, 3. Sterling, 4. G. Kline, 5. Zorn, 6. M. Kline, 7. Schwab, 8. Barry Maupin (DNF), 9. Shearer (DNS).

4-cylinder Young Guns

Heat 1: 1. Jesse Dunlap, 2. Dusty Eagleburger, 3. Art Herzog, 4. Andrew Soderlund.

Heat 2: 1. Dalton Dolan, 2. Michael Smith, 3. Loyd Schoen, 4. Rosie Werth.

Feature: 1. Dunlap, 2. Dolan, 3. Smith, 4. Herzog, 5. Soderlund, 6. Schoen, 7. Werth, 8. Eagleburger (DNF).

Riverless Run on Saturday agenda

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Area walkers and runners of all ages are invited to participate in the annual Family Fun Run/Walk at the Riverless Festival in Phillipsburg this Saturday.

There is a new starting location this year. It will be at the First Christian Church at 150 South Seventh Street. Registration will

Bowling

Ladies — Inter-City

Standings, March 24 — Land Surveyors, 38-6; Animal Health, 22-22; Nelson Bros., 15-29; Geezerettes, 13-31. High Line: Laura Leidig, 191; Kathleen Berlier, 170; Jackie Wright, 163; Land Surveyors, 524, 409, 372; High Series: Laura Leidig, 457; Kathleen Berlier, 429; Lynn Nelson, 426; Land Surveyors, 1,305; Nelson Bros., 960; Animal Health, 934. High Game Handicap: Laura Leidig, 233; Kathleen Berlier, 208; Jackie Wright, 208; Lynn Nelson, 201; Land Surveyors, 649; Nelson Bros., 540; Land Surveyors, 534.

High Series Handicap: Lynn Nelson, 585; Laura Leidig, 583; Jackie Wright, 554; Land Surveyors, 1,680; Nelson Bros., 1,563; Animal Health, 1,492.

Standings, March 31 — Land

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